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THE COOPER VERDICT.

The Argus does not altogether agree with—any yet we do not entirely disagree with the verdict of the jury in the Cooper-Carmack case in Tennessee.

If there was no conspiracy—and that there was not the acquittal of Sharp proves—then there was no murder, and the affair reduced itself to a street duel, in which, certainly the guilt of young Robin Cooper could not be on a par with that of his father, if guilt at all attaches to him. He would have merited contempt if, after endeavoring to ward his father out of the difficulty, as he did without success, he had stood by and seen him shot without doing just what he did do. So much for that phase of the unfortunate affair. But there is yet another, as presented by the Washington Post as follows:

"There is nothing defensible in their act, according to the lights of law-abiding citizens. The people are growing tired and restless over the frequency with which individuals dare to take the law into their own hands. There are remedies for all real injuries in the law as it is administered by the courts. Whenever a man cannot secure ample redress in the courts, it is pretty fair evidence that his hurts are more imaginary than real.

"Denunciation of the act of the Coopers does not necessarily mean full indorsement of their victim's conduct. While the liberty of the press must be secure, yet that liberty must never be abused. It must not become license. But the same holds true for the individual. We believe in the freedom of the individual, but not of his license to use that freedom in destroying the freedom of others. There is nothing in the laws of Tennessee nor in eternal truth which permits a man to balm the wounds which ridicule has made in his pride with the blood of his tormentor.

"Perhaps the most hopeful sign to be drawn from the Coopers' twenty-year sentence is the fact that five of the jurors stood from the beginning for a verdict of murder in the first degree. This shows at least that those untutored men, who had been taught from childhood to fear and venerate the traditions of the old South and had to kneel before the shrine of 'blue blood,' were not awed from their duty by the prominence of the Cooper family nor swayed by the hysterical pleas for the Cooper 'honor.' Taken in connection with the courage and justice displayed by the Reelfoot jury in the case of the night riders, the conclusion is that Tennessee has as much reason to be proud of her juries as most of the other states. After all, it is something to be thankful for, in the light of other recent murder trials, that the Coopers were not vindicated and their release from custody made the opportunity for a glorious local rejoicing. However, as was observed before, the people, even in Tennessee, are getting tired of men with private graveyards to their credit, and are not inclined to tolerate them longer."

Thousands Have Kidney

Trouble and Never Suspect It.

Prevalence of Kidney Disease.
Most people do not realize the alarming increase and remarkable prevalence of kidney disease.

While kidney disorders are the most common diseases that prevail, they are almost the least recognized by patient and physician, who content themselves with doctoring the effects, while the original disease undermines the system.

What To Do.
There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes.

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TOO EARLY YET.

It is too early in the tariff revision campaign to assume that duties have been reduced by the Payne bill. It is full of ways that are dark, and the leader in this respect is no doubt the section providing for an increase in duties of 20 per cent. for all countries failing to enter into reciprocal trade relations with the United States. Only sixty days is allotted to other countries to get in line for minimum duties. It is known that Germany, France, Austria-Hungary, Italy and at least a dozen other governments cannot or will not change their tariff schedules in sixty days, and the result will be that at the end of sixty days from the passage of the Payne bill the consumer will get a dose that will out-Dingley Dingleyism. About four-fifths of the country's imports will pay maximum rates.

Nor is the maximum-and-minimum clause the only trick in the Payne bill. The American market value is to become a basis of appraisement, instead of the foreign market value. This of itself will increase many duties from 20 to 40 per cent.

But perhaps by far the worst trick in the bill relates to petroleum. The only parties concerned are Russia and the Standard Oil Company. Petroleum is put on the free list, but a provision is added that if any country imposes a duty on American oil the oil of that country shall pay a like duty. Russia is the only oil-producing country in Europe, and Russia taxes American oil 175 per cent. The Standard Oil would therefore be protected by the Payne bill from Russian competition by a duty of 175 per cent. The sly hand of Boss Aldrich can be seen in the provision that runs in favor of his son-in-law.

For ways that are dark the Payne bill certainly outdoes the Heaton-Chinese of Bret Harte's poem. These ways will, however, be fully brought out in the course of the debate, and some of them will probably be eliminated, notably the proposed "maximum" joker.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

The Payne-Aldrich Republicans neglect to lay before a waiting and patient people a schedule of revenue in the next fiscal year under their new revenue plans. Republican Congresses vote away nearly \$1,000,000,000 a year, and thus far no revenue figures approaching that sum have been laid before the people. The utmost claims of the machine are as follows:

The Payne tariff.....\$335,000,000

Internal revenue.....275,000,000

Sale of Panama bonds.....40,000,000

Total.....\$650,000,000

The estimated internal revenue receipts include an inheritance tax that is expected to bring in \$20,000,000. It provides for a tax on all inheritances over \$500 in which collateral relatives or strangers become legatees. On direct inheritances taxation ranges from 1 per cent. on estates above \$10,000 and not above \$100,000; 2 per cent. on all other estates up to \$500,000, and 3 per cent. on all above \$500,000.

The gap unfilled is to be met by the issue of treasury certificates up to \$250,000,000, and from all that appears or is promised all the authorized treasury certificates will be needed.

MR. WILLIAMSON'S CORN CULTURE PLAN.

No Remsen board and no Secretary of Agriculture can keep the farmers of North Carolina from listening to Farmer Williamson's plan for growing corn in the South. Many that listen are convinced, and the plan will be tested in perhaps every county in the State. It may constructively be less majestic, but the plan will be accepted nevertheless by scores of farmers who will put in hundreds of acres in strict accordance with the plans outlined by Mr. Williamson.

We are sending \$40,000,000 to Secretary Wilson's state, and other states in the Middle West, and the Williamson plan looks to a reduction in this toll so far as corn is concerned. When North Carolina grows a sufficiency of corn the road to other needed cereals will be found to consist in deeper plowing.

The plans of Mr. Williamson are not a bit tentative. Whoever follows them strictly will get 80 bushels of corn from acres that have heretofore produced 20 bushels, but shallow plowing must go. Mr. Williamson has nothing to sell. He gives his experience and his plans without money and without price. He is patriotic and unselfish. He wants to see the South relieved of the tribute imposed by the Northwest. Secretary Wilson looks at the problem from another point of view. North Carolina should accept Mr. Williamson's viewpoint until it is proven illusory and unsound.

REV HUBBARD WILL DELIVER ADDRESSES IN THE NORTH

Rev. William G. Hubbard, pastor of the Friends' Church of this city, and vice-president of the National Peace Conference, will leave the first part of April to deliver addresses in Washington and Baltimore.

Rev. Hubbard will address the students of a large college near Washington, D. C., April 16. Sunday, April 18, he will deliver two addresses in the Monumental City.

Rev. Hubbard has always manifested a great interest in the world-wide peace movement, and is a speaker thoroughly familiar with the subject. He is a most interesting speaker.

THE HELL-BOUND TRAIN.

(Charlotte Observer.)
To the Editor of The Observer:
I enclose you a poem from one of Ashe county's poets, which poem was published in The Jefferson Recorder. While this poem is not up to the standard of our North Carolina poets, the near-poetry kind, it is yet vastly superior to the sort Deacon Hemphill unearthed.
J. C. BOWER.
Sparta, March 10, 1909.

Tom Gray lay down on the barroom floor,
Having drunk so much he could drink no more;
So he fell asleep with troubled brain
And dreamed he rode on the hell-bound train.

The engine with blood was wet and damp
And brilliantly lit with a brimstone lamp.
For fuel an imp was shoveling bones
While the furnace rang with a thousand groans.

The boiler was filled with lager beer
And the devil himself was the engineer;
The passengers there were a motley crew,
Church members, theists, gentile, Jew.

Rich men in broadcloth and beggars in rags,
Handsome young ladies and withered old bags,
Yellow, black men, red, brown and white,
All chained together in terrible plite.

The train dashed at an awful pace
And the hot wind scorched the hands and face;

Wider and wider the country grew
As faster and faster the engine flew.

Louder and louder the thunders crashed,
And brighter and brighter the lightning flashed,
Hotter and hotter the air became
Till the clothes were burned from each quivering frame.

Now in the distance arose a yell:
"Ha! ha!" croaked the Devil, "We're nearing hell!"

Then, oh how the passengers shrieked in pain,
And entreated the Devil to stop the train.

But he cajoled about and sang in glee
And laughed and joked at their agony;
"My faithful friend, you have done my work,
And the devil can never, never a pay-day shirk."

You have bullied the weak and robbed the poor,
And the starving brothe. turned from your door;
You have laid up gold where cankers rust,
And given rein to your fleshly lusts.

You have justice scorned and corruption shown,
And trampled the laws of nature down.

You have drunk and rioted, murdered and lied
And mocked at God in your hell-born pride.

You have paid full fare, so I'll carry you through;
For tis only just you should get your due;

Why the laborer always expects his hire,
So I'll land you safe in the lake of fire.

Where your flesh shall roast in flames that roar,
And my lips torment you forevermore."

Then Tom awoke with an agonized cry;
He was soaked with sweat and his hair stood high.

And he prayed as he never had prayed before,
To be saved from drink and the devil's power.

And his vows and prayers were not in vain,
For he rode no more a hell-bound train.

R. A. RICHARDSON.
Transton, March 1, 1909.

EUREKA HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. R. E. Barnes, of Rocky Mount, is spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Jones.

Miss Lella Martin is visiting Miss Etta Paschal, of Wilson, this week.

Mrs. J. B. Exum and Mrs. Black, of Fremont, were visitors in Eureka one day last week.

Mr. A. J. Overman and family have moved near Watery Branch Church. Mr. Lawrence Sauls and bride will occupy Mr. Overman's house.

The infant son of Mr. Walter Edmondson, who was so seriously burned some time ago, is gradually improving.

Mr. C. A. Davis and little son, Council, went up to Goldsboro last Friday to consult Dr. Whitaker. We are sorry to know that Council's eyes are so affected as to be unable to attend school again this term.

Rev. Mr. Sheppard, assisted by Rev. Mr. King, of Winterville, is conducting a series of meetings at the Baptist church this week. Mr. King's sermons are very able indeed, and we trust much good will be accomplished.

Miss Flossie Strother, of Stantonsburg, is visiting friends and relatives in Eureka this week.

WHITLA BOY RETURNED

Father Eludes Detectives And Gives Ransom Money to Woman.

Mother of Reclaimed Boy Who Was Dying With Suspense Is up Again And Happy.

Cleveland, O., March 22.—Willie Whitla, who was kidnapped from Sharon, Pa., last week, supposedly by two men and a woman, was restored to his father this evening.

Willie walked into the arms of his father at 8:30 at the Hollenden hotel. He was accompanied by a policeman, to whom the conductor of a Payne avenue car had turned over the boy at the Hollenden corner.

"My boy," cried the father, tears streaming from his eyes, and he grasped the boy in his arms, rushed telegrams to his mother, and then went to his room in the hotel, where they were not interrupted for a time.

The kidnappers sent a communication to Mr. Whitla at Sharon this morning. This brought the father to Cleveland today, while his associates in Sharon put out the announcement that the detectives had been called off of the case, this being done in the hope that the kidnappers would be reassured and reopen negotiations. The activity of the police at Sharon and other points was merely to cover the presence of Willie in Cleveland.

Mr. Whitla is believed to have passed over the \$10,000 demanded by the kidnappers for the return of the boy in the east end of Cleveland this afternoon, although he is very reticent on this point, as per agreement with the kidnappers.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 22.—Mrs. Whitla has been through a series of sinking spells since the abduction of her boy, and the doctors feared for her life, but when the recovery of her boy was told in a message over the long-distance phone tonight it acted as an elixir of life to her.

At midnight she was out of bed, dressed and waiting to clasp her boy. The kidnappers have received back all letters written by them.

The Cost of Tuberculosis.

From "The War on the White Death," by O. F. Lewis in the April Metropolitan Magazine:

The State Charities Aid Association of New York says: "The average loss to the community by the deaths from tuberculosis of a wage-earning male is about \$8,000." How widely apart estimates may be is shown by the New York State Charities Aid Association's statement that "a careful estimate indicates that tuberculosis costs the people of this state \$120,000,000 a year." In this estimate are undoubtedly added to the estimated loss of annual value of the victim to the community all expenses incident to his treatment, be it in the home, the sanitarium or the hospital.

Similar estimates have set the annual loss to Illinois from this disease at \$36,000,000; to Ohio, \$15,000,000; to Maryland, \$10,000,000; to New York City, \$15,000,000; to the United States, \$330,000,000.

However widely at variance these estimates may be, the one fact we cannot get away from is that tuberculosis is costly almost beyond imagination, lavish of life beyond endurance and tenacious of purpose-to-kill beyond any other disease in proportion to the population.

OPTIMISM SUSTAINED.

People Who See Things As They Are Have Every Reason to Be Sanguine At the Present Outlook.

There is no doubt in the minds of people who look at things as they are, that the general conditions in the industrial and commercial fields in nearly every part of the South are better than the average man believes.

It is unreasonable to expect business activity to improve by leaps and bounds at this time, for the reason that such a condition would itself be anything but healthy, and it would create a great deal of mistrust all along the line. The improvement has got to be gradual from the very nature of the case, but it is perfectly clear to the observant business man that the situation is much better than it was six months ago and getting better right along.

The indications are that in the next six months business in nearly all lines will be practically normal, and there is every reason to believe that of year will prove a fairly good one as compared to former years.

It is up to Goldsboro's progressive citizens to get busy and get Goldsboro ready for the flood-wave that is rolling this way, and may roll by us, if we are not alert.

Mr. Harriman says 80,000,000 people have stopped spending money and are now engaged in making it and saving it. He generalizes too much. If he were wholly correct the times would indeed be hard.

Profanity over the telephone has been prohibited in Texas. The wires were, doubtless, unequal to the strain.



GEORGE SUTTON, NOTED BILLIARDIST, WHO WILL TRY AGAIN FOR 18.1 TITLE.

Before the big tournament for the 18.2 championship begins in New York George Sutton and "Student" Slosson will play a 500 point match to decide the championship at the 18.1 game. Sutton insists that he was not in good playing condition when Slosson successfully defended the title a few months ago. Sutton is a flashier player than the "Student" and has made some of the most phenomenal runs on record. His signal victory in the world's tournament two years ago is still the talk of billiard circles.



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NOTICE OF SALE.

Under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage bearing date April 5th, 1907, executed by A. M. Calmes and G. G. Calmes, partners under the name and style of A. M. Calmes & Bro., to the Bell Lumber Company, registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County, North Carolina, in Book 87, Page 359, the indebtedness therein secured being due and unpaid, the undersigned will sell for cash by public auction at the Court House door in Goldsboro, North Carolina, on Monday, April 19th, 1909 at 12:30 o'clock p. m., the property described in the said mortgage, as follows, to-wit:

All the trees and timber, standing or down, growing or dead, measuring at the time of severance not less than twelve inches in diameter twelve inches above the ground in or upon the following described tracts of land situate in Wayne County, State of North Carolina, to-wit, being the timber conveyed in the following deeds:

(1) From Dawson Kornegay and others to the Bell Lumber Company, dated the 9th day of January, 1906, registered February 24th, 1906, in Book 41, Page 493, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County.

(2) From W. F. Simmons and others to the Bell Lumber Company, dated the 4th day of January, 1906, registered January 15th, 1906, in Book 41, Page 498, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County.

(3) From Nicholas Carter to the Bell Lumber Company, dated the 5th day of January, 1906, registered January 15th, 1906, in Book 41, Page 499,

in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County.

(4) From B. D. Reeves and wife to the Bell Lumber Company, dated the 14th day of August, 1906, registered August 28th, 1906, in Book 41, Page 477, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County.

(5) From John Casey and wife to the Bell Lumber Company, dated 4th day of April, 1906, registered August 28th, 1906, in Book 41, Page 476, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County.

(6) From W. B. Bowden and wife to the Bell Lumber Company, dated 10th day of March, 1906, registered March 16th, 1906, in Book 41, Page 486, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County.

(7) From W. T. Smith and others to the Bell Lumber Company, dated March 3rd, 1906, registered March 7th, 1906, in Book 41, Page 487 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County.

(8) From W. H. Grady and wife to the Bell Lumber Company, dated June 6th, 1906, registered October 15th, 1906, in Book 41, Page 473, and upon the lands lying on the north side of the Dudley and Seven Springs road, and on the south and west side of the clearing, containing altogether about sixty acres, and being on the lands of J. H. Grady, E. E. Grady and Bettie A. Ham, and included in the description in the following deeds, to-wit: (1) J. H. Grady and wife to Bell Lumber Company, dated the 18th of April, 1906, and registered August 1st, 1906, in Book 41, Page 478, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County;

(2) Benjamin F. Grady and wife to Bell Lumber Company, dated 18th day of April, 1906, registered October 15th, 1906, in Book 41, Page 472, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County; (3) Bettie A. Ham to Bell Lumber Company, dated 20th day of April, 1906, registered October 15th, 1906, in Book 41, Page 474, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wayne County.

Together with the right of way mentioned in the said mortgage from Dawson Kornegay land to W. F. Simmons land, and from thence in a continuous line to and through the W. T. Smith land, together with all the rights and privileges in the said several deeds referred to granted to the Bell Lumber Company to be used in connection with the right to remove said trees and timber, and together with the tram roads and dry kiln constructed by the said Calmes & Bro. upon the lands hereinbefore mentioned.

This 17th day of March, 1909.
BELL LUMBER COMPANY,
Mortgagee.

England fears a German invasion, but she has more reason to fear the present and actual American invasion in the form of department stores.

It costs \$50 a month to board an automobile, \$25 a month to board a horse, and a nickel to board a street car.

President Eliot would never sanction a fight between Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson in which there would be necessarily a racial mix-up.